



National Weather Service

Storm Data and Unusual Weather Phenomena



May 2000

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ILLINOIS, South

Wayne County

Fairfield

09 1645CST 0 0 20K Lightning

Lightning struck the Wal-Mart store near register seven. The lightning bolt came through the tile floor behind the register, making a hole and narrowly missing several people. A couple of shoppers were hit in the legs by pieces of tile blown out by the lightning. One theory is that the lightning travelled underneath the store along a steel beam before rising through the tile.

Wayne County

2 N Geff

12 2050CST 0 0 Hail (1.50)

Alexander County

Tamms

12 2141CST 0 0 Hail (0.75)

Saline County

9 E Harrisburg

12 2145CST 0 0 40K Thunderstorm Wind (G69)

A thunderstorm microburst produced strong damaging winds, estimated between 75 and 80 MPH. Several mobile homes in a rural area just south of Route 13 near the Gallatin County line were affected by the microburst, which was about 1/4 mile wide and 1/2 to 3/4 mile long. One mobile home was destroyed when a tree about 2.5 feet in diameter fell on it. On another mobile home, about 3/4 of a 60-foot attached screened-in porch was torn off. A third mobile home used for storage was moved a few feet off of its foundation. A nearby house lost some shingles and gutters. Several hundred trees in the area were blown down.

Gallatin County

2 S Ridgway

12 2154CST 0 0 7K Thunderstorm Wind

Five power poles were snapped off.

Williamson County

Marion

**18 2037CST
2200CST 0 0 Flash Flood**

Saline County

West Portion

**18 2110CST
2200CST 0 0 Flash Flood**

Radar indicated between one half and two inches of rain fell in just a couple of hours. Flood-prone areas in Williamson County were inundated. Halfway Road and Route 13 in Marion had 2 to 3 inches of water over them.

Williamson County

Marion

**22 2130CST
2230CST 0 0 Urban/Sml Stream Fld**

A cluster of thunderstorms produced very heavy rainfall. A spotter measured 1 inch of rain in 30 minutes.

White County

Crossville

23 0345CST 0 0 5K Lightning

Lightning hit the stand-by generator at the sewage disposal plant, completely destroying it.

White County

Crossville

23 0345CST 0 0 Tstm Wind/Hail

Large quantities of marble size hail and wind gusts to 45 MPH accompanied a strong thunderstorm.

Johnson County

Goreville to Vienna

**23 2045CST
2100CST 0 0 7M Hail (2.75)**

A supercell thunderstorm produced baseball size hail from northwest to southeast across parts of Johnson County. The total damage costs for dented cars, smashed windows, and damaged roofs in Vienna was estimated near 7 million dollars. The city's two car dealers sustained about 800,000 dollars damage to a total of 280 cars. At the Johnson County courthouse, the hail broke about 20 windows on the north side of the building and extensively damaged the roof. A funeral home reported hail wrecked the garage, siding, and windows of the funeral home, along with three personal vehicles, for a total damage estimate of 50,000 dollars.



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ILLINOIS, South

Fellowship Baptist Church sustained 15,000 dollars damage. One building contractor estimated 90 percent of all the houses in Vienna needed a new roof. The hail was reported as only dime size in Goreville, but increased to baseball size in Vienna.

Jackson County

Gorham

23	2112CST	0	0	20K	Hail (1.00)
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At least one cornfield in the Gorham area received major hail damage.

Massac County

2 NE Brookport

23	2132CST	0	0		Funnel Cloud
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A supercell thunderstorm which began near Carbondale and produced baseball size hail as it moved southeast across Johnson County became tornadic over Massac County. Although no touchdowns were reported, a funnel cloud was observed quite close to the ground.

Union County

Cobden

23	2145CST	0	0	50K	Hail (1.75)
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Local newspapers showed photos of the hailstones, some of which were nearly the size of golf balls. Strong winds up to 50 MPH accompanied the storm. A large tree was down across a street in Anna, and a large limb was down in Jonesboro.

Pulaski County

Grand Chain to Karnak

23	2224CST	0	0		Hail (1.75)
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Union County

Jonesboro

23	2227CST	0	0		Hail (1.75)
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This was the second of two severe thunderstorms that passed southeast across Union County in less than two hours. The main feature of both storms was golf ball size hail.

Johnson County

Belknap

23	2340CST	0	0	10K	Thunderstorm Wind
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The roof was blown off a barn and into a house.

INDIANA, Southwest

Vanderburgh County

2 W Evansville to Evansville

12	2218CST 2222CST	0	0	100K	Thunderstorm Wind (G70)
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Damaging thunderstorm winds affected the west side of Evansville. The hardest hit neighborhood was just off Route 62 about 2 miles west of the Evansville city limits. The main damage was done to an elementary school, which lost a large section of roof. A large tree toppled through a classroom. There was water damage inside the school, and a cinder-block baseball dugout was destroyed. Other damage included many large limbs blown down and privacy fences down. The back deck of a house near the school was heavily damaged. Another nearby house lost part of its roof. About 5,000 electric customers were without power because of fallen tree limbs and utility poles. In the city of Evansville, on the west side of downtown, a few businesses along West Franklin Street received siding and window damage. Trees were blown down in Wesselman Woods Nature Preserve and at the West Side Branch Library.

Vanderburgh County

5 NE Inglefield

12	2225CST	0	0	10K	Thunderstorm Wind
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A thunderstorm microburst damaged a residence in the northeast corner of the county, just off U.S. Route 57. Windows were blown out of a garage, and large trees and limbs were down.

Vanderburgh County

5 NE Inglefield

12	2225CST	0	0		Hail (0.88)
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Spencer County

Chrisney to Grandview

23	0833CST 0839CST	0	0		Hail (0.88)
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Dime to nickel size hail fell across parts of the county.



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INDIANA, Southwest

Vanderburgh County

Evansville	23	1832CST			0	0			Thunderstorm Wind (G56)
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Winds were estimated between 60 and 70 MPH on the east side of Evansville.

Vanderburgh County

Evansville	23	1832CST			0	0			Hail (0.75)
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KENTUCKY, Southwest

Daviess County

1 S Masonville	03	1645CST 1845CST			0	0			Flash Flood
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Nearly stationary thunderstorms dumped flooding rains over a small part of south Daviess County near the junction of U.S. Highway 231 and Kentucky 140. Radar estimated about 6 inches fell within a few hours. Due to the very small area affected and its rural nature, there was no reported property damage.

Christian County

Garrettsburg	04	1650CST			0	0	15K		Thunderstorm Wind
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A barn was blown over and trees were down.

Christian County

Bennettstown to Pembroke	04	1755CST 2030CST			0	0			Flash Flood
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Numerous showers and storms tracked across southern Christian County for an extended period of time. Radar estimated hourly rainfall between one half and one inch. This resulted in heavy rainfall totals that caused parts of Highway 117 to go under water. A tributary of the west fork of the Red River went out of its banks along Highway 115 between Pembroke and Fairview.

Henderson County

4 E Henderson	23	0740CST			0	0			Hail (0.75)
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Daviess County

1 W Owensboro to Yelvington	23	0755CST 0810CST			0	0			Hail (1.00)
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Quarter size hail was reported from the west side of Owensboro northeast to Yelvington.

Daviess County

Browns Vly	23	0810CST			0	0			Hail (1.75)
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Carlisle County

Cunningham	23	0838CST			0	0			Hail (1.00)
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Graves County

5 NE Lowes	23	0850CST			0	0			Hail (0.75)
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Dime size hail fell in Melber, near the McCracken County line.

Marshall County

1 W Benton	23	1713CST			0	0			Funnel Cloud
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A supercell thunderstorm that tracked across Marshall County produced a long-lived rotating wall cloud and occasionally a funnel cloud. A funnel cloud was observed between Benton and Oak Level. The funnel touched down in Calloway County.

Graves County

Symsonia	23	1715CST			0	0			Hail (1.50)
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Ping pong ball size hail fell near Symsonia. This storm cell later tracked into Marshall County and became tornadic.



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KENTUCKY, Southwest

Calloway County

.5 W Murray

23 1715CST 0.1 20 0 0 Tornado (F0)

Two reliable witnesses reported a very brief tornado touchdown on the west side of Murray, just north of Highway 121. The funnel briefly touched a house roof, but no real damage occurred.

Marshall County

Benton

23 1718CST 0 0 Hail (1.50)

Marshall County

1 SE Hardin

23 1729CST 0 0 10K Thunderstorm Wind (G61)

Near the Calloway County border, there were six power poles down due to winds estimated around 70 MPH. Kentucky Route 80 was closed between Hardin and Aurora due to downed power poles.

Calloway County

**3 N Almo to
1.5 N Almo**

**23 1730CST
1736CST 1.5 100 0 0 50K Tornado (F1)**

A relatively weak F-1 tornado with maximum wind speeds near 80 MPH moved southeast across the "Almo Heights" area. Three houses sustained roof damage, mainly due to trees falling on them. The storm that spawned the tornado displayed excellent supercellular characteristics on radar throughout its path across Calloway County. Videotape of the storm's funnel cloud was shown on local media outlets. The funnel again briefly touched down in eastern Calloway County.

Marshall County

Hardin

23 1733CST 0 0 Hail (0.75)

Calloway County

5 E Murray

**23 1804CST
1805CST 0.2 20 0 0 4K Tornado (F0)**

The supercell thunderstorm that produced the F-1 tornado near Almo Heights in Calloway County generated another weaker, short-lived tornado between Murray and Hamlin. Spotters and sheriff deputies chasing the funnel cloud clearly observed multiple brief touchdowns in open fields and woodlands. Tree limbs were torn off. There was no structural damage. The path width was estimated to be no more than 50 feet wide.

Christian County

Hopkinsville

23 1821CST 0 0 Hail (0.75)

Dime size hail was observed in the northwest part of Hopkinsville.

Mclean County

Livermore

23 2249CST 0 0 2K Thunderstorm Wind (G52)

A couple of large tree limbs were blown down.

Muhlenberg County

Bremen

24 1650CST 0 0 Hail (1.00)

Christian County

3 W Hopkinsville

24 1735CST 0 0 2K Thunderstorm Wind

A few trees were down.

Trigg County

2 E Rockcastle

24 1740CST 0 0 Hail (1.75)

Trigg County

2 E Rockcastle

24 1740CST 0 0 4K Thunderstorm Wind

Large trees were blown down.

Todd County

1 N Elkton

24 1754CST 0 0 Hail (0.75)



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KENTUCKY, Southwest

Christian County

Hopkinsville	24	1825CST 2200CST			0	0	25K	Flash Flood
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Trigg County

Cerulean	24	1840CST 2220CST			0	0		Flash Flood
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Todd County

Trenton	24	1845CST 2220CST			0	0		Flash Flood
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Thunderstorms repeatedly developed over northeast Trigg County and moved southeast across the Hopkinsville area and then southern Todd County. Storms followed this track for a few hours, producing excessive rainfall totals of locally over 5 inches. A Hopkinsville television station measured 6.5 inches of rain in only three hours. Widespread street flooding occurred in Hopkinsville, slowing or stopping traffic. A vehicle was reported floating down 9th Street. Numerous roads were closed across Christian and Todd Counties. A co-operative observer in northeast Trigg County reported over an inch of rain in less than 20 minutes.

Christian County

Gracey to 3 NW Herndon	24	1835CST 1841CST			0	0		Funnel Cloud
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A funnel cloud moved southeast from the Trigg County line across western Christian County. The funnel cloud was observed from Gracey to Herndon in Christian County. The most significant feature of this storm was flash-flood producing rain.

Todd County

3 N Allegre	24	1839CST			0	0		Hail (1.75)
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Christian County

Julien	24	1900CST			0	0		Lightning
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Lightning was the indirect cause of a house fire that killed 3 children and their father. The fire was sparked by an unattended candle which was being used because of a power outage.

Graves County

Folsomdale	24	2125CST			0	0	5K	Thunderstorm Wind
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Several trees were down across Highways 408, 849, and Meridian Road.

Calloway County

Murray	24	2248CST			0	0	3K	Thunderstorm Wind
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Power lines were blown down.

Calloway County

Murray	24 25	2310CST 0240CST			0	0		Flash Flood
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Christian County

Central Portion	24 25	2335CST 0245CST			0	0		Flash Flood
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Trigg County

Countywide	24 25	2340CST 0245CST			0	0		Flash Flood
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Calloway County Emergency Management reported water over several major roads across the city of Murray. Five people were rescued by emergency personnel from cars that stalled in flooded streets. A few basements were flooded. The Murray-Calloway County hospital annex, which is a flood-prone location, experienced some flooding. In Murray, the bridge over Spring Creek Oaks washed out. Parts of Christian and Trigg Counties that were already water-logged from storms earlier in the night received an estimated additional inch or so.

Calloway County

.5 SSE Midway to 1 NNE Midway	26	1730CST 1734CST	1.5	300	0	4	250K	Tornado (F2)
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The peak intensity of the tornado was rated F-2, with estimated maximum winds near 125 MPH. Although the tornado was only on

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KENTUCKY, Southwest

the ground for a mile or two, it struck the small community of Midway directly, causing extensive damage. Two mobile homes housing migrant workers were destroyed. One of the persons in a mobile home was seriously injured. Three others sustained relatively minor injuries. A used car dealership and a grocery store sustained major damage to roofs and walls. Several additional homes, mobile homes, and barns received moderate to major damage. Numerous trees in the area were downed or uprooted. U.S. Highway 641 was closed for about 18 hours south of Murray due to debris and power lines across the road. The owner of the grocery and an attached home estimated his losses at just under 100,000 dollars.

Christian County
Ft Campbell Aaf

26	1905CST	0	0	Funnel Cloud
<p>Numerous funnel clouds were reported in the Fort Campbell area. This same storm complex earlier produced a short-lived tornado several miles south of Murray in Calloway County.</p>				

Fulton County
Bondurant to
Hickman

27	0430CST 0730CST	0	0	Flash Flood
<p>Persistent showers and thunderstorms associated with a stationary front caused excessive rainfall. The ground was already saturated from heavy rain during storms over the past few days. Radar estimated from one-half to three quarters of an inch per hour during this latest episode. Water was reported over Highway 94 from Hickman southwest to the Tennessee border. Hickman measured 3.98 inches of rain in 24 hours.</p>				

**Fulton County
Countywide**

27	1145CST 1345CST	0	0	Flash Flood
<p>Heavy thunderstorm rains moved back over areas that were already saturated from previous thunderstorms. Rainfall rates were estimated up to one inch per hour. Two people were rescued from their vehicle by emergency personnel after a flash flood blocked a street in Fulton. The two people, who were trapped in approximately four feet of water, were not injured. Elsewhere in the county, U.S. Highway 51 was closed on both sides between Clinton and Fulton due to flash flooding of creeks</p>				

Calloway County Countywide

27	1330CST 1515CST	0	0	Flash Flood
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Trigg County Countywide

27	1345CST 1525CST	0	0	Flash Flood
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Thunderstorms with heavy rain moved back over areas that were saturated from previous thunderstorms over the past few days. Radar estimated rainfall rates of up to one inch per hour. Storm spotters reported water across State Highway 80 in Calloway County. Sheriff deputies reported water across Highway 641 north and Highway 121 north near Murray. Some flooding of farm fields and low-lying areas was observed. An agricultural extension agent estimated 10 percent of the Calloway County wheat crop was affected by standing water, disease, and wind damage. Nearly 20 percent of a 4,000 acre farm was located on bottomlands that were severely flooded. Farmers were expected to replant thousands of acres of crops that were under water for 24 hours or more. The total rainfall from May 23 to 27 was around 10 inches in Calloway County.

**Christian County
Oak Grove**

27	1418CST	0	0	Hail (1.00)
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**Christian County
South Portion**

27	1430CST 1610CST	0	0	Flash Flood
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Todd County
South Portion

27	1445CST 1620CST	0	0	Flash Flood
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Thunderstorms with heavy rain moved back over the region, which was saturated from heavy rains over the past few days. Radar estimated up to one inch of rain per hour, and the Fort Campbell weather observer measured 0.70 inch of rain in 30 minutes.



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KENTUCKY, Southwest

Although this storm was under one hour in duration, it brought three-day storm totals to near 12 inches at a Hopkinsville television station. Areas close to the Tennessee border received the brunt of the heavy rain.

MISSOURI, Southeast

Carter County

Van Buren	12	1935CST		0	0		Hail (0.75)
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Ripley County

Burr	18	1845CST		0	0	4K	Thunderstorm Wind
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Several trees were down in southwest Ripley County.

Bollinger County

Bessville	18	1930CST		0	0	7K	Thunderstorm Wind
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Power lines and tree limbs were blown down.

Bollinger County

3 NW Bessville	18	1935CST 1942CST		0	0		Funnel Cloud
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A supercell thunderstorm that tracked east across central Bollinger County from Madison County produced a rotating wall cloud near Bessville that evolved into a funnel cloud. No touchdowns were reported

Carter County

Van Buren	22	1533CST		0	0		Hail (1.00)
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Carter County

Ellsinore	22	1608CST		0	0		Hail (1.00)
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Ripley County

15 NW Doniphan	22	1730CST		0	0		Hail (0.75)
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Dime size hail fell at "Beaver Dam."

Bollinger County

5 W Patton to Patton Jct	23	0709CST 0719CST		0	0		Hail (1.75)
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A severe thunderstorm moved slowly east across northern Bollinger County, producing quarter to golf ball size hail

Bollinger County

Sedgewickville	23	0726CST		0	0		Hail (1.00)
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Cape Girardeau County

Jackson	23	0755CST		0	0		Hail (1.75)
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Scott County

1 E Benton	23	1619CST		0	0	35K	Hail (2.00)
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Hail larger than golf balls was reported on Interstate 55 near Benton.

Scott County

Lusk	23	1640CST 1644CST		0	0		Hail (1.00)
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Bollinger County

Glenallen	23	1818CST		0	0		Hail (0.88)
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This storm later produced hail up to baseball size in the Marble Hill area

Bollinger County

Marble Hill to Leopold	23	1837CST 1841CST		0	0	1M	Hail (2.75)
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Spotters reported golf ball size hail in Marble Hill, and baseball size hail in Leopold. Two car dealerships in Marble Hill reported their entire inventory of vehicles received damage. One insurance agent in Marble Hill received hail-damage claims on 10 homes and 60 vehicles. Of those 60 vehicles, 20 were declared total losses. Damage to homes consisted almost entirely of roof damage. Newspaper photos showed baseball size hail covering the ground on Highway 51, 2 miles south of the Marble Hill city limit.



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<u>MISSOURI, Southeast</u>									
Bollinger County 6 E Marble Hill	23	1848CST 1849CST	0.3	20	0	0			Tornado (F0)
A spotter reported the funnel cloud "went down and back up." The path length was very short in a rural area.									
Scott County Oran	23	1922CST			0	0			Hail (1.75)
Bollinger County 2 SE Marble Hill	23	1924CST			0	0			Hail (1.75)
Golf ball hail was reported between Marble Hill and Leopold.									
Scott County 1 W Morley to Chaffee	23	1935CST 1950CST			0	0			Hail (1.50)
Dime size hail was reported just west of Morley. Silver-dollar size hail fell at Chaffee									
Cape Girardeau County Arbor to Delta	23	1945CST 1952CST			0	0			Hail (1.75)
Golf-ball size hail was reported from Arbor to Delta in the southwest part of the county									
Mississippi County Bertrand to Charleston	23	1957CST 2005CST			0	0			Hail (1.00)
Scott County 2 N Blodgett	23	2004CST	0.2	30	0	0			Tornado (F0)
A trained spotter reported a funnel cloud briefly touched down in open rural farm country. There was no apparent damage. Large hail with the associated thunderstorm caused most of the damage.									
Scott County Morley	23	2015CST			0	0			Hail (1.25)
Half-dollar size hail fell at Morley.									
Scott County Benton to Lusk	23	2025CST 2037CST			0	0	500K		Hail (2.75)
Baseball size hail fell in the Benton area.									
Mississippi County 1 SW Charleston	23	2040CST			0	0			Hail (2.75)
Wayne County Lodi	24	0718CST 0720CST			0	0			Funnel Cloud
Emergency managers observed a funnel cloud in the Lodi area, which at times extended more than halfway to the ground									
Carter County 5 SW Van Buren	24	2000CST			0	0	3K		Thunderstorm Wind
A few trees were down along B Highway.									
Stoddard County 1.5 W Dexter to 1 W Bernie	24	2028CST 2034CST			0	0			Hail (1.75)
Golf ball size hail fell near 1.5 miles west of Dexter, and dime-size hail fell just west of Bernie									
Ripley County Countywide	24	2200CST 2230CST			0	0	100K		Thunderstorm Wind
A line of severe thunderstorms with damaging winds crossed Ripley County, causing widespread damage to trees and power lines. A house just off JJ Highway received severe damage. Much of the roof was blown off, and windows and doors were blown in. Utility crews worked to repair about 20 damaged major power lines. Electricity was not fully restored for days. Numerous trees were									



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MISSOURI, Southeast

down on Highway 142 east of Doniphan. Cars were damaged from trees falling on them, and one tree fell on a house.

Butler County

Neelyville

24	2230CST			0	0				Thunderstorm Wind (G55)
	2237CST								

The line of severe thunderstorms that moved east across Ripley County produced 60 to 70 MPH winds in southwest Butler County

Stoddard County

Countywide

24	2249CST			0	0				Flash Flood
25	0200CST								

Radar indicated very heavy rainfall, up to 2 inches per hour. Persistent thunderstorms continually tracked from west to east along a stationary front. There were a number of roads that had water over them. Radar estimated storm totals of up to 6 inches of rain over parts of the county. Heavy rain was indirectly responsible for a fatal vehicle accident on Highway 25 one mile south of Bloomfield. A 51-year-old man lost control of his car on wet pavement and overturned.

New Madrid County

Gideon to Portageville

24	2310CST			0	0	30K			Thunderstorm Wind
	2340CST								

A line of severe thunderstorms produced damaging straight-line winds, mainly over southern parts of the county. At Boekerton, a roof was blown off a house, a barn was blown down, and there were several trees and power lines down. Power lines were down at Gideon, causing some extended power outages that lasted into the next day. A couple of trees were down at Portageville.

Bollinger County

2 N Sturdivant to 2.5 NNE Sturdivant

26	1404CST	1.5	150	0	0	75K			Tornado (F1)
	1407CST								

The tornado caused moderate to heavy damage to one residence, and minor damage to a second residence. Tree limbs were speared into walls of the heavily damaged home. Three storage buildings and a horse barn were destroyed. A number of trees were uprooted

New Madrid County

Tallapoosa to 3 W New Madrid

26	1420CST			0	0	20K			Thunderstorm Wind (G65)
	1433CST								

The Missouri State Highway Patrol reported 70 to 80 MPH winds near the Interstate 55 junction with U.S. 62. Trees were down. At Tallapoosa, several tractor trailers were overturned, and sheds were down.

New Madrid County

5 W Portageville to 4.5 W Portageville

26	1420CST	0.5	40	0	0	20K			Tornado (F0)
	1422CST								

State highway patrol officers reported a brief tornado along Highway 162 between Gideon and Portageville. Telephone poles were down, and a large barn was destroyed.

New Madrid County

South Portion

27	0230CST			0	0				Flash Flood
	0700CST								

An extensive area of thunderstorms moved slowly across New Madrid County, producing rainfall rates possibly between 1 and 1.5 inches per hour. The ground was already saturated prior to this thunderstorm event, and some roads still had standing water on them before this new heavy rain event. The additional heavy rain caused renewed road and street flooding

New Madrid County

Countywide

27	1145CST			0	0				Flash Flood
	1400CST								

Heavy thunderstorm rains moved back over areas that were already saturated from previous thunderstorms. Radar estimated rainfall rates up to one inch per hour. The sheriff department reported standing water across roads and in some low-lying areas.



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Location	Date	Time	Path	Path	Number of		Estimated		Character of Storm
		Local/ Standard	Length (Miles)	Width (Yards)	Killed	Injured	Property	Crops	

MISSOURI, Southeast